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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the opinion
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Rule 43.2.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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TRANSLATION of related part of Form PCT/ISA/237**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE ISA**

International application No. PCT/JP2004/011278
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I. Basis of the opinion

1. This opinion has been drawn on the basis of the language of international application, unless otherwise indicated below.

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V Reasoned statement under Rule 43,2.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	<u>Claims 1-15</u>	YES
	<u>Claims NONE</u>	NO

Inventive Step (IS)	<u>Claims NONE</u>	YES
	<u>Claims 1-15</u>	NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)	<u>Claims 1-15</u>	YES
	<u>Claims NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Reference 1: JP 53-22499 A (Hitachi, Ltd.) 1978.03.01 discloses a method and apparatus in which, after separation of organic acid using a separation column 4, it is reacted with a parabenoquinone solution by a mixer 7, and the resultant is analyzed by a coulometric electrolysis cell detector 10.

Reference 2: JP 8-304373 A (Shimadzu Corporation) 1996.11.22 discloses a postcolumn mixer used for liquid chromatograph in which, in order to mix a reaction reagent without occurring peak diffusion of an eluant, a tube B in which a solution eluted from the column flows is inserted into a tube A in which the reaction reagent flows, parallel to an inner wall of the tube A (refer to figure 1).

Reference 3: P.Vernia, Organic Anions and the Diarrhea of Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Digestive Disease and Sciences, Vol.33, No.11, P.1353-1358, Nov.1988 discloses that short-chain fatty acids are detected from patients of ulcerative colitis (refer to Table 2).

Reference 4: Gilles Renom, Simple Gas Chromatography Analysis of Faecal Butyrate: Application to Patients at Risk of Pouchitis, Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, Vol.39, No.1, P.15-19, 2001 discloses that butyric acid ester and the like are detected from patients of ulcerative colitis.

Claims 1-15

As described in Reference 3, it has conventionally been known that short-chain fatty acids become markers of ulcerative colitis, it is obvious for those in the art to perform ulcerative colitis diagnosis and prognostic test using the apparatus and method described in Reference 1.

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Further, since it has conventionally been recognized that broadening of peak should be prevented in the postcolumn mixer, it is obvious for those in the art to adopt the postcolumn mixer described in Reference 2 as the mixer 7 described in Reference 1.

Furthermore, those in the art can arbitrarily select the types of column and eluant and the flow rates of eluant and reaction reagent, according to contaminating components to be separated and required separative power. Further, those in the art can arbitrarily perform removal of unnecessary components from a reaction reagent.